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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1116

DATE PREPARED: Dec 18, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: False alarm charges.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill authorizes townships, fire protection territories, fire districts, and volunteer fire departments to impose false alarm fees or service charges. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Local Government Finance Study Commission.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: There may be additional administrative costs involved for new forms needed in the recording and processing of fees collected by township boards and/or fire units.

Explanation of Local Revenues: With the provisions of the bill, a township, fire protection territory, fire district, or volunteer fire department may charge a fee when responding to a false alarm or drill where the responding department was not notified in advance. (In Indianapolis, Indiana, Sec 951-425 Indianapolis Code allows charging of fees against a place of business or residence on the third false alarm responded to within a calendar year. The fees that may be charged include \$100 per piece of equipment responding, and \$50 per supervisor vehicle responding.)

There are approximately 766 townships, fire protection territories, fire districts, and volunteer fire departments in Indiana that could impose fees for the response to false alarms under the provisions of the bill.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Townships, Fire Protection Territories, Fire Districts, and Volunteer Fire Departments.

Information Sources: Steve Buschmann, Representing the Township Trustee Association; Office of the State Fire Marshall.